

**DRAFT MINUTES OF HARDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD 11<sup>th</sup> March 2010 AT 7.30PM IN HARDEN MEMORIAL HALL**

**Present**

Councillors – Colin Booth, Hannah Cummins, Alan Sykes (acting Chairman), Kay Kirkham  
Clerk - Jessica Mathews  
2 members of the public

**1. Apologies**

Councillors Mike Andrews, John Bagnall

**2. Declarations of Interest**

None.

**3. Public Question Time**

Comment was made regarding the following;

- the slow Highways consultation on new double yellow lines in the village.
- the lack of action from the PCSO over illegal parking at the school and the dangerous narrowing of Wilsden Road that this causes.
- Harden Beck Horticultural Society complained that they are no longer able to freely put notices on the board as the new board requires a key that is held by the Chairman.

**4. To confirm minutes of meetings held 11<sup>th</sup> February 2010**

**Resolved.** The minutes, of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2010, are a true and accurate record. Cllr Sykes signed a copy of them.

**5. Youth Club**

Cllr Cummins reported that the club is going well, run by youth workers Adele and Anne (replacing Diane) and that she is applying to be a voluntary youth worker so that she can attend the sessions all the way through.

There are roughly 13 regular members aged between 14-18 years. The members participate in educational games on issues such as sexual health and play the parachute game and board games. They are also taken on trips to visit other youth clubs and activities like go-karting.

A new Youth Club has opened in Bingley but has not been well received so far.

The members of Harden's youth club will be participating in the Neighbourhood Forum where some of the young people will receive an award.

Cllr Booth suggested that as the weather improves and the evenings become lighter the Youth Club might be persuaded to help with a litter pick in the park.

## 6. Village Plan

The plan has been posted out to business and residents across Harden. Copies will be available in the library and will be sent to District Councillors.

The Clerk requested an electronic copy from the printer so that the plan can be put on the website.

## 7. Highways Issue

Cllr Sykes reported on the following;

- Regarding vehicle parking on the grass verge in Springbank, a reply from the Civil Enforcement Office

“To clarify our legal position, Civil Enforcement Officers do not have powers to enforce pavement (or verge) parking, the areas where we may be able to patrol are those lengths of highways that are covered by waiting restrictions such as double or single yellow lines. Where the restriction is in place, it covers to the back of the footpath, including the verge if this is part of the highway”

- The Harden Road culvert replacement will take place from mid May for approximately 10 weeks whilst the bridge is closed.
- The new pedestrian refuse is to be sited outside the Post Office
- District Councillors are supporting a proposed 20mph zone from Ryecroft to Keighley Road
- Bollards can only be removed from Effingham Road by revoking the Traffic Regulation Order of 1976. If the Highway Dept were to remove the bollards (without the legal process) anyone driving through would be committing a traffic offence. Temporary bollards therefore are also not permitted.
- Regarding the proposed double yellow lines, the Parish Council is concerned that the next stage in the consultation process appears to have been delayed and has urged BMDC to expedite the process

## 8. Website

a) Cllr Kirkham asked that a pop up window with the clerk’s email address be added; more information is needed about local groups; electronic version of the Parish Plan will be added; aim to go live within next month.

b) **Resolved;** the clerk will work an extra 2 hours a month to help maintain the website.

## 9. NPT Meeting

Cllr Booth reported as follows;

Crime statistics in the village are low with just 3 incidents reported; Sgt Collin’s time has been freed up and she can now concentrate on the villages, creating a greater police presence; the problems in the park seem to have moved on and relocated away from the park.

The problem of parking at school times remains unresolved and ongoing. The Parish Council wishes to note its disappointment at this. It encourages residents to attend the Neighbourhood Forum and complain. A suggestion was made for the Parish Council to take the story to the Telegraph and Argus. After the forum the issue will be assessed and will be on the agenda for next month’s meeting so a way forward can be discussed.

## 10. Volunteer Driver Scheme

20 drivers are now involved, split evenly between Wilsden and Harden. No drivers as yet from Denholme and Cullingworth. Holiday times present a problem when it becomes a bit tight for drivers.

Cllr Booth is participating twice a week.

The Parish Council expresses it's thanks to Cllr Booth for his efforts with the scheme.

## 11. Memorial Hall

The Memorial Hall is not used for Neighbourhood Forums as it is not DDA compliant. The clerk will speak to Dave Melling about LEADER funding that may be available to address this.

The Memorial Hall sub committee will report at the next meeting, and it is suggested that this becomes a regular agenda item.

## 12. Standing Orders

The Clerk will find a model Standing Orders to assist with the adoption of Harden's.

## 13. Payments for approval

a) **Resolved.** The clerk's remuneration will increase to recognise additional hours.

b) no payments to be ratified

## 14. Correspondence

- Rural Network Event to be held on 30th March 2010 at the Denholme Mechanics Institute.

## 15. Planning

a) **10/00252/HOU** 39 Wilsden Old Road.

Extension at first floor level to side of house.

**NO OBJECTIONS**

b) **10/00698/FUL** Harden Road Harden

Amendments to previous proposal for widening of Harden Road

**NO OBJECTIONS**

The meeting was closed at 9pm

**The next Parish Council meeting will be held on  
8<sup>th</sup> April 2010 at 7.30pm in Harden Memorial Hall**